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## RESEARCH AREAS

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### AREAS OF SPECIALITY

Ethics and political philosophy, especially philosophy of wellbeing, philosophy and public policy, and philosophy of disability

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Metaethics, comparative philosophy

## EDUCATION

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- ϕ PhD in Philosophy, Australian National University (expected July 2024)  
Dissertation: “Engineering Concepts for Public Policy: Wellbeing and Disability”  
Committee: Nicholas Southwood (chair), Garrett Cullity, Katie Steele
- ϕ MA, Washington University in St. Louis (2019)
- ϕ MA with Distinction (highest honour), Victoria University of Wellington (2015)
- ϕ BA with First Class Honours (highest honour) in Philosophy, Victoria University of Wellington (2014)
- ϕ BA in Philosophy, Massey Scholar (highest honour), Massey University (2013)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### ARTICLES & CHAPTERS

5. “Utilitarianism.” *Ethical Theory in Global Perspective*, edited by Michael Hemmingson. SUNY Press. (Forthcoming)
4. “Love, Reasons, and Desire.” *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 23 (3): 591-605. (2020)
3. “A Humean Constructivist Reading of J. S. Mill’s Utilitarian Theory.” *Utilitas* 28 (2):189-214. (2016)

2. “Is Moral Bioenhancement Dangerous?” *Journal of Medical Ethics* 42 (1):3-6. (2016; online first 2015)

## REVIEWS

1. “Choosing Normative Concepts, written by Matti Eklund.” *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 17 (4): 441-444. (2020)

## PRESENTATIONS

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- ⊕ “Measuring National Wellbeing in a Multicultural Society.” Workshop on Measuring Wellbeing in a Multicultural World, Australian National University (2023)
- ⊕ “Conceptual Engineering for Public Policy.” Global Priorities Institute, Oxford (2023)
- ⊕ “Measuring National Wellbeing in a Multicultural Society.” ANU-University of Hawai’i Workshop in Philosophy, University of Hawai’i (2023)
- ⊕ “Wellbeing Policy and Future Generations.” Early Career Conference Programme, Global Priorities Institute, Oxford (2022)
- ⊕ “Disability and Public Policy.” Conference on Social Categories and Oppression, Australian National University (2021)

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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- ⊕ Global Priorities Fellowship, Forethought Foundation for Global Priorities Research, (2022)
- ⊕ Early Career Conference Programme, Global Priorities Institute, Oxford (2022)
- ⊕ Australian Government Research Training Program Stipend Scholarship, 3 years, Australian National University (2020)
- ⊕ Australian Government Research Training Program Fee Offset Scholarship, 4 years, Australian National University (2020)
- ⊕ Te Pūtahi Atawhai (Māori and Pasifika Student Success) Excellence in Mentoring Award, Victoria University of Wellington (2015)
- ⊕ Doctoral Scholarship, 3 years, Victoria University of Wellington (2015; declined from 2016)
- ⊕ Te Pūtahi Atawhai (Māori and Pasifika Student Success) Excellence in Mentoring Award, Victoria University of Wellington (2014)
- ⊕ Tu Horomata Scholarship, for outstanding Māori graduate students, Victoria University of Wellington (2014)
- ⊕ Victoria Master’s Scholarship, Victoria University of Wellington (2014)
- ⊕ Victoria Graduate Award, Victoria University of Wellington (2013)

- ⊕ Humanities & Social Sciences Scholarship for graduate study, Massey University (2013, declined)
- ⊕ Orangi Kaupapa Trust Award (\$4000), to recognize and reward people whose work promotes positive social change and benefits the quality of life in New Zealand (2004); for founding and running Te Whiti-o-Rongomai house, providing accommodation for homeless people.

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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- ⊕ Referee for *Utilitas* (2017), *Bioethics* (2019), *The ILAR* (Institute for Laboratory Animal Research) *Journal* (2020), *Journal of Value Inquiry* (2020), and *Journal of Ethics* (2021)
- ⊕ Organiser, Workshop on Measuring Wellbeing in a Multicultural World, Australian National University (2023)
- ⊕ Organiser, Works in Progress Group, Centre for Moral, Social, and Political Theory, Australian National University (2022-current)
- ⊕ Honours Student Mentor, Australian National University (2021-current)
- ⊕ Diversity Committee, Australasian Association of Philosophy (2020-current)
- ⊕ Senator, Graduate Student Senate, Washington University in St. Louis (2019-2020)
- ⊕ Graduate Student Health Advisory Committee, Washington University in St. Louis (2019-2020)
- ⊕ Founder and organiser, Philosophy Student Mental Health Support Group, Washington University in St. Louis (2018-2020)
- ⊕ Founder and organiser, St. Louis Chinese Philosophy Reading Group (including members from Washington University in St. Louis, Saint Louis University, University of Missouri-St. Louis, and University of Missouri) (2018-2020)
- ⊕ APDA/APA Data Task Force/APA Graduate Student Council Surveys Departmental Contact, Washington University in St. Louis (2018-2020)
- ⊕ Graduate Student Office Coordinator, Philosophy Department, Washington University in St. Louis (2017-2020)
- ⊕ Founder and organiser, Graduate Student & Postdoc Drinks and Dinners, Philosophy Department, Washington University in St. Louis (2016-2020)
- ⊕ Founder and organiser, Philosophy Graduate Students Group (for students not in the Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology programme), Washington University in St. Louis (2016-2019)
- ⊕ Entertainment Committee, Washington University in St. Louis (2016-2017)
- ⊕ Equality and Diversity Committee, School of History, Philosophy, Political Science and International Relations, Victoria University (2014-2016)

- ⊕ Te Pūtahi Atawhai (Māori and Pasifika Student Success) Student Mentor (2014-2016)

## **TEACHING**

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### **SOLE INSTRUCTOR**

- ⊕ Phil 234 Business Ethics, online, University College, Washington University in St. Louis (2019)
- ⊕ Phil 233 Biomedical Ethics, University College, Washington University in St. Louis (2018)

### **GUEST LECTURER**

- ⊕ Para 604 Clinical Practice 1 [paramedicine], Auckland University of Technology (2019)—lecture on ethics and medical care

### **SOLE ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR**

- ⊕ Re St 3091 Confucian Thought, Washington University in St. Louis (2019) – Tobias Benedikt Zürn
- ⊕ Phil 315 Philosophy of Mind, Washington University in St. Louis (2018) – Austin Andrews
- ⊕ Phil 233 Biomedical Ethics, Washington University in St. Louis (2018) – John Doris
- ⊕ Phil 233 Biomedical Ethics, Washington University in St. Louis (2017) – Charlie Kurth

### **HEAD ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR**

- ⊕ Phil 105 The Big Questions, Victoria University of Wellington (2016) – Richard Joyce
- ⊕ Phil 104 Minds, Brains, and Persons, Victoria University of Wellington (2015) – Simon Keller
- ⊕ Phil 106 Contemporary Ethical Issues, Victoria University of Wellington (2015) – Nicholas Agar

### **ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR**

- ⊕ Phil 2122 Philosophy and Public Policy, Australian National University (2022) – Katie Steele
- ⊕ Phil 1004 Fundamental Ideas in Philosophy, Australian National University (2021) – Ben Bramble
- ⊕ Māori and Pasifika Assistant Instructor, Phil 107 Philosophy of Media and the Arts, Victoria University of Wellington (2015) – Sondra Bacharach
- ⊕ Phil 104 Knowledge and Reality, Victoria University of Wellington (2015) – Simon Keller

- Φ Phil 105 The Big Questions, Victoria University of Wellington (2014) – Richard Joyce

#### **GRADER**

- Φ Phil 347C Ancient Philosophy, Washington University in St. Louis (2017) – Eric Brown
- Φ Phil 227/327 Minds and Persons, Victoria University of Wellington (2014) – Justin Sytsma

#### **TEACHER TRAINING**

- Φ Mental Health Awareness Training, ANU College of Arts & Social Sciences, 22 April 2021
- Φ Gender Inclusive Teaching Workshop, ANU College of Arts & Social Sciences, 9 December 2020

#### **OTHER ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

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- Φ Research Assistant, Washington University of St. Louis and Cornell University (2018-2021) – John Doris; preparing the manuscript of the book *Character Trouble* (OUP, 2021)
- Φ Research Assistant, Victoria University of Wellington (2015) – Simon Keller; prepared annotated bibliography on love and moral skepticism, and gave comments on drafts of a paper, published in 2017 as “Love and the Moral Error Theory: Is Love a Mistake?” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 95 (3):709-721.

#### **GRADUATE COURSEWORK**

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##### **Australian National University**

Conditionals – Alan Hajek

The Ethics of Harm – Christian Barry

Are There Top-Down Influences on Perceptions? – Colin Klein

Particularism and Pluralism in Ethics – Garrett Cullity

Institutions and Social Outcomes – Katie Steele and Geoff Brennan

Pragmatics and Manipulative Speech – Justin D’Ambrosio

Impossibility – Koji Tanaka

Metaphilosophy – Daniel Stoljar

##### **Washington University in St. Louis**

20th-Century Metaethics

Advanced Epistemology

Advanced Philosophy of Science

Advanced Social and Political Philosophy

Aesthetics

The British Moralists  
Consequentialism (Independent Study)  
History of Analytic Philosophy  
Metaethics (Independent Study)  
Neo-Aristotelian Ethics and Metaethics (St. Louis University)  
Philosophy of Mind  
The Stoics (Independent Study)

## REFERENCES

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- Φ **Nicholas Southwood**  
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Chair, School of Philosophy  
Australian National University  
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- Φ **Garrett Cullity**  
Professor of Philosophy  
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Professor of Philosophy  
Centre for Moral, Social, and Political Theory  
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Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management;  
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